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Dear Senate Committee on Rules and Administration:

On behalf of the U.S. Green Building Council, I am writing to express support for the nomination of Stephen Ayers as the next Architect of the Capitol.

The work that lays ahead for the Architect of the Capitol is great. The successful candidate must effectively manage major modernizations in energy and water efficiency, security, and day-to-day responsibilities throughout the complex, while simultaneously preserving the historic nature of these treasured buildings and ensuring critical legislative work is not compromised. Under Mr. Ayers' guidance as Acting Architect of the Capitol, the Office of the Architect has already begun to implement innovative practices and management strategies that create safe, healthy, and environmentally responsible spaces for employees of the Capitol complex.

Mr. Ayers has demonstrated a commitment and determination to transform the Capitol complex into one that is more environmentally responsible and cost-effective for taxpayers. Backed by a distinguished career and three years as the Acting-AOC, Mr. Ayers is extremely qualified to undertake the stewardship of the U.S. Capitol complex and to implement the initiatives that the Office of the Architect will undertake in the coming decade.

USGBC is pleased to support the confirmation of Stephen Ayers as Architect of the Capitol and encourages swift confirmation of his appointment.

Sincerely,

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